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TAPI GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project;

(b) the funds likely to be invested in this project; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued from this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): India has been formally admitted as a member of the Project in the 10th Steering Committee Meeting(SCM) of the Project held in Islamabad on April 23-24, 2008. Further, Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement has also been initialled by the Ministers of all the participating countries in the 10th SCM.

(b): The capital cost of the project up to Indian border is estimated at US $ 7.6 billion.

(C): India is likely to get 38 mmscmd gas from the Project, which would help in reducing the gap between demand and supply of natural gas in the country. As such, it will help in enhancing the energy security of the country.